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SUBJECT: IEA: PROPRIETARY DATA SECURITY: SECRETARIAT
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BEGIN TEXT:

1. THESE COMMENTS FOLLOW THE PROPOSAL BY THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO ENSURE THE CONFIDENTIABILITY OF CRUDE OIL COST DATA. PARAGRAPH TWO CONCERNS THE CONSEQUENCES ON THE DATA OF THE SYSTEM PROPOSED, PARAGRAPHS THREE TO FIVE THE PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE.

2. THE EFFECT OF PARAGRAPH 4D OF IEA/SOM(75)52, AFTER ELUCIDATION BY THE U.S. DELEGATE, IS THAT ONLY EIGHT CRUDE STREAMS COULD BE REPORTED BY NON-USA COUNTRIES FOR OWN PRODUCTION AND CONCESSIONARY PURCHASES, AND ONLY THREE CRUDE STREAMS FOR FOB PURCHASES.

3. THE PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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THE IEA DATA AND INFORMATION DIVISION WOULD PREPARE PROGRAMS TO RUN ON ONE OF THE OECD COMPUTERS, AND A DATA-CARD EDITING PROGRAM TO BE USED COMPLETELY TO CHECK THE DATA CARDS TO BE SUBMITTED FOR PROCESSING BY THE IEA. THE DATA-CARD EDITING PROGRAM WOULD BE CIRCULATED TO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS WISHING TO USE THE COURIER SERVICE; OTHER GOVERNMENTS COULD SUBMIT THE DATA ON QUESTIONAIRES TO IEA WHO WOULD PREPARE THE CARDS. THE PROGRAM WOULD BE WRIMMMXTTEN IN THE STANDARD COBOL PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE, WHICH CAN BE COMPILED AND RUN ON NEARLY ALL MANUFACTURERS' COMPUTERS. CHECKING OF THE DATA WITH THIS PROGRAM WOULD MINIMIZE THE POSSIBILITY OF DATA PROBLEMS AT THE OECD COMPUTER IN PARIS WHICH WOULD RESULT IN THE COURIERS' HAVING TO DISPERSE TO THEIR CAPITALS AND RETURN LATER WITH THE CORRECTED DATA.

4. THE IEA WOULD HIRE ONE OF THE OECD COMPUTERS FOR ONE OR TWO HOURS TO RUN THE AGGREGATION PROGRAM; THE IEA WOULD HAVE PREPARED AND CHECKED THE DATA CARDS FROM THESE COUNTRIES NOT WISHING TO USE THE COURIER SERVICE, AND THE OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD HAVE SENT THEIR COURIERS WITH CARDS WHICH HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN CHECKED.

5. THE MACHINE-ROOM WOULD BE CLEARED, EXCEPT FOR ONE OPERATOR AND AN IEA-MEMBER CAPABLE OF SURVEYING THE OPERATION OF THE MACHINE: THE MACHINE WOULD BE CLEARED OF PROGRAMS, AND THE AGGREGATION PROGRAM COMPILED OR LOADED. THE PROGRAM WOULD THEN BE STARTED, AND ONE BY ONE THE COURIERS AND THE IEA MEMBER WOULD PLACE THEIR CARDS IN THE CARD READER AND RECOVER THEM AS THEY CAME OUT. THE PROGRAM ONCE IT HAD READ IN ALL THE CARDS WOULD THEN PROCEED TO CARRY OUT THE AGGREGATION PROCESSING AS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF IEA/SOM(75)52. THE AGGREGATE DATA WOULD BE WRITTTEN TO TAPE FOR LATER IINCORPORATION IN THE OIL MARKETS DATA BANK.

6. AT THE END OF THE RUN THE PROGRAM COULD BE MADE TO WRITE OVER ITS DATA AREAS, AND PROVISION WOULD BE MADE TO REMOVE FROM THE MACHINE ANY INTERMEDIATE DATA FILES THAT HAD BEEN CREATED.

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